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**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the Substitute Specification, filed on 05 February 2002, at Page 2, before the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following paragraph.

This U.S. Patent Application claims domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 371, of PCT/EP00/04758, filed 25 May 2000, and also claims foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, of German Priority Document 199 54 112.4, filed on 11 November 1999.